

C wherein at least one of the first connector<sup>and</sup> of the connecting tube of the first storage container has an identifier detectable by the detector device.

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B 5. (Amended) A dialysis machine comprising:

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insert C1 insert C2  
a preparation device for preparing dialysis solutions, the preparation device of the dialysis machine, of the dialysis machine including a detector device, a first connection<sup>1</sup> and a second connection<sup>1</sup>, first and second interchangeable storage containers for solution ingredients, and a first connector for connecting the first storage container to the first connection and a second connector<sup>ins C1</sup> for connecting the second storage container to the second connection<sup>ins C2</sup>, the first connector or a connecting tube of the first storage container having a bar code detectable by the detector device, wherein the bar code is arranged on the first connector so that bars of the bar code run circumferentially around the connector.

B<sup>3</sup> C 8. (Amended) The dialysis machine as recited in claim 7, further comprising a signaling unit or cutoff device connectable to the analyzer unit, the cutoff device for cutting off a flow of at least one of a solution<sup>and</sup> or a solution ingredient.

## REMARKS

### I. Introduction

Claims 1 to 9 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

### II. Rejection of Claims 1 to 9 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 to 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The Office Action contends that "[c]laim 1 is indefinite for failing to particularly point out what is the structural relationship between a first connection